

### **In the Abstract**

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~~The invention relates to the use of a compound that transitorily depletes or inhibits B lymphocytes in the preparation of a composition for being administered to a patient in order to augment the specific T cell response to a vaccine, in particular a therapeutic vaccine, against a tumor or a chronic infection by a virus, a parasite or some other microorganism~~  
A method of amplifying activity of therapeutic vaccines including administering an effective amount of a composition including a compound that depletes or inhibits B lymphocytes to a patient sufficiently to amplify an immune reaction of T cytotoxic lymphocytes. In a particular use the  
~~The composition is to~~may be administered to a patient ~~in order to~~ augment the specific T cell response to a vaccine, in particular, a therapeutic vaccine, ~~comprising~~including at least one inactivated human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). In particular, the depleting compound ~~[[is]]~~may be an antibody, advantageously monoclonal, directed against transmembrane antigen CD20 of pre-B or mature B lymphocytes.